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The Time Is About Here for New Year's Resolutions---Let's Make Less and Keep More than Heretofore

SECOND DEGREE MURDER.

That's What The Jury Decided In the Logan Case.

Henry C. Logan, the murderer of Will Miller, was adjudged guilty of murder in the second degree by the jury at his trial in Rice county last week.

The verdict was a surprise to most everyone, as it was thought that either a verdict of murder in the first degree or acquittal would be given under the evidence, but it is thought that the question of insanity had much to do with the deliberations of the jury.

Logan himself was practically the only witness for the defense. His story was practically the same as he first told when arrested. That he had been sleeping by the roadside when he was awakened by the sound of a wagon approaching. That he had taken his gun and stepped to the side of the road, and that when the men in the wagon saw him they jumped out and ran off, leaving the horses and wagon. Fearing that if he started to return them to the owner he would be arrested for stealing he had made up his mind to take them and try to dispose of them and get out of the country. That the gun found in his possession was his own property, and that he was nowhere near where the murder was committed and knew absolutely nothing about it until after his arrest.

However the prosecution had such an array of evidence that there was no doubt of the man's guilt, and his story was so improbable that one wonders how he could expect anyone to believe it. During the whole trial he seemingly remained indifferent as to the outcome of the case.

The sentence of the court was deferred until Tuesday of this week, when Judge Brinkhoff sentenced Logan to thirty years imprisonment in the state penitentiary at hard labor. When asked if he had anything to say as to why sentence should not be pronounced, Logan made quite a lengthy talk, making the plea that he had not had a fair and impartial trial, etc. Both Logan's wife and mother-in-law were in court when sentence was pronounced. Up until the trial was in progress his wife had stood by him staunchly, believing in his innocence, but so many things were brought out in the trial against him that it is said that even she lost faith in him and believed in his guilt.

Southwestern Kansas Conference.

The Methodist Conference for Southwestern Kansas will be held in this city in March, under the direction of Bishop Joseph Berry of Buffalo, N. Y., and the people of the M. E. church here are already making preparations for the entertainment of the visitors and delegates who will be here at that time. It is expected that not less than three hundred delegates and visitors will attend the conference, which will last one week. The Conference met in this city once before, about nineteen years ago.

A. F. and A. M. Elects.

Great Bend Lodge No. 15, A. F. and A. M., held their regular election last Friday evening and elected and installed the following officers for the ensuing year.

W. M., Dr. A. H. Connett.
S. W., J. L. Cox.
J. W., D. G. Martin.
Sec'y., W. Torrey.
Treas., L. Zutavern.
S. D., W. R. Klindinst.
J. D., J. E. McMullen.
S. S., W. G. Smith.
J. S., F. W. Simpson.
Directors, E. C. Cole, Robert Merdan, G. N. Moses, F. V. Russell, C. L. Moses.
Tyler, G. W. Thatch.

Roehen-Moses.

One of the prettiest home weddings of the season took place Monday night at the R. H. Moses home when Miss Frances Moses was united in marriage to Mr. Kenneth Roehen. The ceremony took place in the living room of the Moses home beneath a beautifully decorated arch, Rev. Brehm officiating. About 50 guests, the majority of them relatives, were present. Prior to the ceremony, which took place at 6 o'clock, Miss Laura Townsley sang "Sweetheart," after which Miss Pearl Emley played the wedding march. During the ceremony Miss Emley presided at the piano. The groom was accompanied by Mr. Adam Krause. Miss Louise Moser, bridesmaid, followed the groom and best man and wore a dress of blue silk poplin and carried a bouquet of pink roses. The bride, attired in a beautiful gown of white brocade satin, and carrying a bouquet of bride's roses entered the room with her father.

Following the ceremony and congratulations delicious refreshments were served after which the younger crowd cut the bride's cake and received the favors. Miss Amy Porter got the ring. Miss Helen Epperson the dime and Mr. James Harris the thimble. The bride's bouquet was caught by Miss Erna Zutavern. Miss Helen Dawson, Miss Helen Epperson, and Miss Erna Zutavern assisted in serving.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Moses and one of the most popular young ladies of the city. She is an accomplished musician and a general favorite. The groom is a young man of worth, the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Roehen of Claflin and popular with all who know him. For some time he has been book-keeper and cashier for the E. R. Moses Mercantile Co. For the present the happy young couple will be at home in the Col. McLaughlin home in the second ward, but will later move to their own cottage. Out of town guests at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Moses, Jr., and daughter Mildred, of Pueblo and Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Roehen of Claflin parents of the groom.

We join with the many friends of the young people in extending best wishes for a long and happy married life.

Buchanan-Robinson.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Buchanan of the south side was solemnized last the marriage of Miss Jennie Buchanan and Albet Robinson of Arkansas City. Rev. W. R. Carter of Topeka, officiating.

The bride was attired in white Alta Williams as bridesmaid. Ed Johnson was best man. Mrs. G. F. Raimey of Abilene, a former schoolmate of the bride played the wedding march.

Mr. Carter, who performed the marriage ceremony, is president of the Colored Industrial Institute at Topeka where Mrs. Robinson attended school.

This wedding was one of the most notable events that has occurred among the colored people of this county for some time. There were several out-of-town guests present many of them being school mates of the bride while she attended the Topeka school.

We join the many friends of this couple in wishing them a long and happy married life.

A Numerical Error.

In the publication of the Grant Township financial statement in this paper a few weeks ago there was an error in the figures which made the balance read \$166.44, when it should have been \$266.44.

About the Editor.

When the question comes up for or against the welfare of the town, the editor of a newspaper has to go on record before the whole people. His remarks have to stand out boldly before friend or foe. It matters not whether it hurts his business or not—and it often does hurt it—he has to come out in the open and take a stand. How is it with others? A few of them have the nerve to stand up and express themselves under any and all circumstances, but a majority are business cowards or probably more properly speaking, selfish policy men. They are all things to all men. They won't open their mouths if they think they are going to antagonize the opinions of a customer or friend in the presence of opponents they shut up like clams for fear they lose a dollar or make an enemy. Why should not the same everyday frankness be expected from all men that is expected of the editor. What would you think of the editor who lacked the nerve to stand up for what he believed was right regardless of the fact that it sometimes loses him business? If you expect the editor to come out openly and stand up for the cause, has he not a right to expect your commendation and endorsement as, publicly and openly as you have opportunity. These burdens should be shared.—Geo. T. Smith.

Mrs. John G. Smith.

Mrs. John G. Smith died at her home a few miles west of Pawnee Rock, Tuesday, December 20, after an illness of about ten days, of pneumonia, aged sixty-eight years. She was born in Knox county, Tennessee March 3, 1842, and was married to John G. Smith in 1862, and moved to Rush county, in 1878. In 1903 they moved to their present home place, where she has since made her home. She leaves three sons and three daughters to mourn the loss of a kind and loving mother.

Funeral services were held at the home yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Robertson, of the M. E. church,

Congressman Madison and the Payne-Aldrich Tariff Bill.

When Congressman Madison voted for the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill on its final passage, he directly endorsed the lumber schedule contained in the bill. That schedule was drawn by the owners of forests in the United States who do not desire any competition from the vast forests of British America or Mexico. The lumbermen of the United States wanted a monopoly of the lumber market and fixed the schedule accordingly, and for the sake of party regularity. Congressman Madison voted for the bill on its final passage, and when he did so, he voted against every one of his constituents in the seventh district and against the conservation of our forests.

Every man who uses a stick of timber is affected by the lumber schedule of the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill. Congressman Madison knew this when he voted for the bill, which contained many other abominable jobs. He thought that party regularity was worth more to him than the interests of his constituents, so he bent the pre-hungness of his knees in order to secure the approbation of Aldrich and Cannon.

Ex-President Roosevelt says, that when a public servant is untrue to the interests of his constituents that he should be defeated. When the voters of the seventh district give their congressman to understand that he will be defeated if he betrays them, the time will come when the district will be faithfully represented.

Congressman Madison by his vote against the interests of the people of this district has forfeited his right to the support of his republican friends.—Hutchinson Gazette.

John Gruber, of north of town, is enjoying a visit from his brother, Peter Gruber, of Dearborn Michigan.

Len Barngrover and family were here from Offerle to spend the holidays with Oliver Batman and family of the south side.

A Shooting Affray.

The east yards was the scene of a general shooting affray that wound up in justice court Tuesday afternoon.

A large number of Bulgarians, Hungarians and Greeks, are employed on the new shops and the yards as common laborers and on Sunday night a bunch of them were sent to the east yards to do some work. After the work was completed they got in a mix-up with another bunch who were in a bunk car and revolvers were brought into play with serious results. The bunch in the car say that the fellows who were sent over to do the work tried to break into their premises, while the other fellows claim that the bunch in the car started shooting at them. However, three of the fellows in the car got shot, one of them over the right eye, and two of them suffering flesh wounds. The fellow who got hit over the eye is in the hospital receiving treatment and the others are at large. Five men who are supposed to have done the shooting were locked up Monday night and tried before Justice Baker on Tuesday afternoon. One was turned loose, and a charge of assault with intent to kill was entered against Geo. Stochoff, Jim Pondo, Chris Savre, and Pete Nick. They were bound over to district court under \$500 bonds to await trial. Some of their friends who seem to have plenty of money expect to furnish bail.

Mr. Jordan, head of the Mo. Pac. special agent force at this point, says the men have lots of money and no doubt bonds for their release will be put up. Deputy Sheriff Shattuck took the men to jail at Great Bend Tuesday afternoon.—Hosington Dispatch.

Proctor.

Walter Proctor, a young man who has been in this county for some time organizing local lodges of the Yeoman Society, died at Ellinwood last Saturday after a short illness with pneumonia, at the age of thirty years and eight days. He was a member of the F. O. E. of this city, and that or-

Work on the Shops.

The nice weather has been particularly favorable for the building of the new shops and yards, and a small army of men have all fall been kept busy on the different jobs. The snow of yesterday was the first spell of weather to hinder the work this fall and it lasted but a short time.

The roof is nearly completed on the machine shop. It is by far the largest of all the buildings, and puts up a fine appearance. The steel workers are still busy putting the heavy girders into place and keeping up a continual rattle with the compressed air riveting machines. It is interesting to watch the workmen away up overhead catching the red hot rivets that are tossed to them by the men below and quickly put them in place and beat the heads flat with the riveter.

Concrete forms have been erected in the power house for machinery foundations and several car loads of machines have been unloaded for installation there. The two powerful boilers have been unloaded that will furnish power.

The frame work for the round house is partially up. The pits are nearly all completed and a big gang of laborers are busy wheeling dirt in the round house, and also in the machine shop.

The concrete gang seems to have an endless job as they have been busy ever since work was started last summer, and train loads of concrete material are being unloaded still.

The sewerage system ought to be perfect, judging from the enormous amount of pipes that are being laid. All the sewers empty in the new creek channel that was dug.—Hosington Dispatch.

Business Change.

Last Monday H. C. Arnold sold his City Drug Store to R. C. Speirs. Mr. Speirs has been proprietor of this store before and is not a stranger in Ellinwood. He will endeavor to keep up the stock and store to the high standard it has been under Mr. Arnold's ownership, and will be glad to meet his old friends and new ones there.

Mr. Arnold has not fully decided as to where he will go in the future, but will remain in Ellinwood for some time. We are sorry to have him leave and wish him good luck wherever he goes.

Mr. Speirs has been in the drug business in Ellinwood for a good many years and there are a number of friends who are glad to have Rosco back in business again.—Ellinwood Leader.

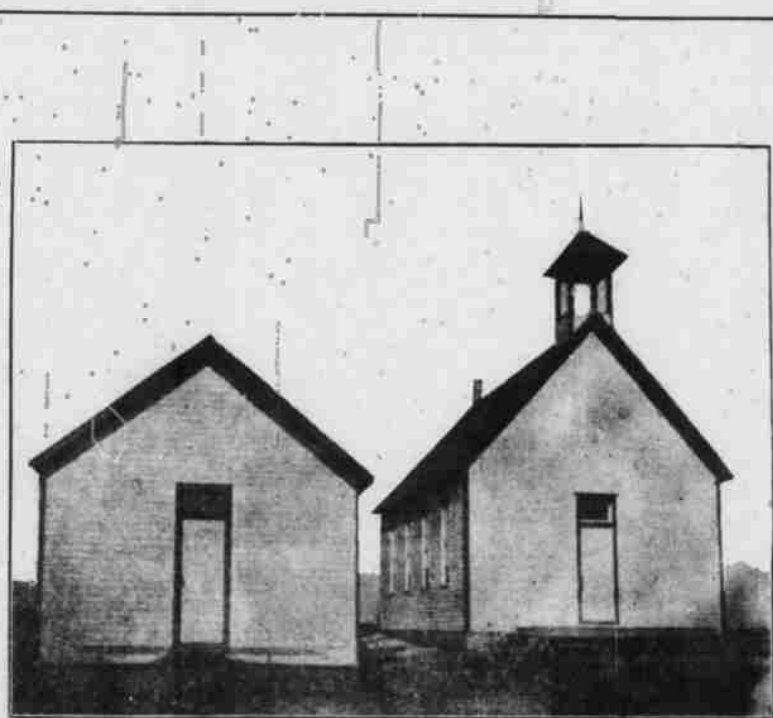
Making a Change.

The D. O. Gray corner is undergoing a great change at present being made ready for the big Van Noy hotel. When Uncle Dave disposed of the 75x100 feet on the corner he retained the buildings, those occupied by Coy's restaurant, R. E. Ashburn's barbershop, and the room that was occupied by A. J. Fritz's meat market for a long time. He is having A. C. Holloway move the buildings to his addition south of the ball grounds where they will be fitted for rent. Wan. Stelter's rooming house extended over about three feet on the ground that was purchased by the Van Noy people and he had the side of it taken out and set in on his own property. The big hotel building and other buildings that will be built in that block within a year will make a great change in the looks of the block.

R. E. Ashburn has moved his barbershop in the basement under The Farnsworth Drug Co. H. J. Webber is rushing the work on his building so Mr. Coy can move his restaurant in as soon as possible.—Hosington Dispatch.

Ed Landman was in Larned Christmas day visiting with Mrs. Landman and the new boy who put in his appearance at their home a couple of weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brooker were here from Hutchinson to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Charley Dodge and family.



THE OLD AND THE NEW

Picture of the old school house south of town, familiarly known as the "Chaffee School House," erected in 1873, and the new building erected in 1910.

and the remains were laid to rest in the Pawnee Rock cemetery beside her husband.—Herald.

H. H. Nicholson left Monday for Fort Worth, Texas, on a business trip.

The Bolinger store has been closed all this week for the purpose of invoicing, and will open next Monday under the management of the new proprietors.

Richard Speck and family were here from Offerle for a holiday visit with relatives here.

The John Cook building on the east side of the square is rapidly hearing completion and will greatly improve that part of the town.

J. Geo. Brinkman and family spent Christmas in Kansas City, visiting with Mrs. Brinkman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Wilner.

ganization, in connection with the Ellinwood branch of the society, cared for him faithfully through his illness. Short funeral services were held under the auspices of that lodge at Ellinwood Saturday evening, and the remains were sent to his home at Soldier, Kansas, where he was buried Tuesday, under the auspices of the A. O. U. W. of that place of which he was a member.